



Legislation Text

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To recognize and congratulate Cheryl A. Boyce upon her retirement as the Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health.

WHEREAS, Cheryl A. Boyce is a native of East St. Louis, Illinois and a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She received her Master's degree in Health Planning and Administration from the University of Cincinnati and was a 2004 ELPH Kellogg Fellow at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyce began her work in the health and human services field as the result of the premature death of her father; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyce has served as the Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health since its inception in 1987. The Commission focuses on improving the health status of African Americans, Latino/Hispanics, Asians and Native American Indians; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyce is a member of the Board of Directors, Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society, the Anthem Foundation of Ohio, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, the Children's Defense Fund, Ohio and she is the Immediate Past President of the National Association of State Offices of Minority Health; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyce has also served as the Coordinator of the Governor's Task Force on Black and Minority Health-Ohio, the Program Director and Associate Program Director for Advocacy and Protective Services, Inc. and she was employed by the Ohio Departments of Health, Mental Retardation and Rehabilitation Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyce commits numerous hours of service to professional and civic activities including: Institute of Medicine (IOM) Roundtable on Health Disparities, the American Public Health Association, the Commonwealth Fund National Advisory Panel for Reducing and Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, and the National Cancer Institute PRG for Health Disparities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Boyce has earned numerous awards and recognitions for her outstanding career in health and human services. She was awarded the YWCA Women of Achievement Award for Racial Justice; the 2009 Director's Award presented by the U S Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health; the 2009 Champion of Public Health Award presented by The Ohio State University College of Public Health; the ONI award presented by the International Black Women's Congress; the Health Hero Award presented by the University of Illinois Chicago, Midwest Latino Health Research, Training and Policy Center; the Outstanding Service Award presented by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the Great Lakes Regional Conference and the National Sojourner Truth Award presented by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize and congratulate Cheryl A. Boyce upon her retirement as the Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and thank her for her service and dedication to the health and human profession.